Railway tenders through internet

† 2890. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways is considering a proposal to invite tenders through internet, for its various projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Floating of tenders by Zonal Railways through internet is under consideration. The modalities are being worked out and the details are under finalisation.

Amenities to rail commuters

2891. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has indicted the Railway Administration for its dismal track record in providing minimum passenger amenities to commuters, as reported in the Hindu dated 28th March, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for providing better facilities like drinking water, departmental catering etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has laid its Report No. 9 & 9A of 2002-Union Government (Railways) in Parliament on 22.03.2002. In report No. 9A of 2002-Ccntral Reviews, Chapter-II has been included on the subject 'Passenger Amenities on Indian Railways'. As per the laid down procedure Action Taken Notes, duly

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